

BISHOP SAYS TO-DAY WE APPLY RELIGION

Right Rev. W. T. Manning
Styles Christmas Spirit
Real Christianity.

HOME IS PARAMOUNT

Sees Lessening of Divorce
if Ideal Were Applied
to Entire Year.

CALLS NEED WORLDWIDE

Speaker Asserts That Fabric
of Life Is Endangered by
Fireside Neglect.

A sermon on the meaning of Christmas Day and of the good that would carry throughout the year the spirit of the Christ Child's birthday was delivered by Bishop William Thomas Manning at the morning service yesterday in Grace Episcopal Church.

"The Christmas spirit is, after all, the true Christian spirit," Bishop Manning said. "The thing that makes Christmas so wonderful is that for a few hours we set ourselves to be real Christians. Christmas comes and lifts us for a brief time into an atmosphere of fellowship and care and interest in each other and into the love and brotherliness in which we ought always to live.

"Christmas Day tells of the place that belongs to Jesus Christ in the home. Christmas is the day of the family. It reminds us that Jesus, the Son of God, came from heaven and entered into the life of a human home and sanctified forever all our family ties and relationships. The holiest and most sacred thing on earth, the most beautiful, is the Christian home, the home where Jesus Christ has a recognized and rightful place.

"We do not want gloom and repression and restraint in homes. That is not the effect of Christ's presence anywhere, if faith in Him be living and real. We want homes where there is love and joy and freedom and sympathy and strength to meet the trials and difficulties when they come, because Jesus Christ is there. "If Christ had a place in our homes there would be fewer homes without children and the tragedy of divorce and of remarriage, which is now reaching a point that threatens to break down the whole fabric of life, would not exist. For the sake of the home, for the sake of our country, we must bring Jesus Christ, the Son of God, back into the place that belongs to him in American homes.

"The whole situation in the world to-day is showing that we must bring the spirit of Jesus Christ to bear on civilization if it is to be preserved and saved. If we can bring the whole world to grasp the meaning of the words of St. John and believe them we should not need peace societies or limitation of armament conferences.

Bishop Manning will conduct the festival service at the church at 11 o'clock this morning.

RECTOR SAYS CHURCH OPERATES FOR PROFIT

Dr. Guthrie Asserts Sexton
Picks Moneyed Vestry.

A plea for the church and Christians to abandon materialism that the "world may yet be saved" was made by Dr. William N. Guthrie, rector of St. Mark's in the Bowery, yesterday in a sermon in which he charged the churches are being run with an eye to profit. The churches to-day, Dr. Guthrie said, are controlled by the few rich payers and contributors, both actual and prospective. The ordinary clergyman is dependent upon these factors.

"Let us turn on the X ray and see what we are doing," said Dr. Guthrie. "The affairs of the church are managed by the vestry. To-day the vestry is not elected. The parish meeting has become a thing of the past. The vestrymen are chosen by the sexton and a little group. They are usually elderly men with money, chosen for their contributions or for their influence upon contributors or prospective contributors. The clergyman has to be a pretty big person to be independent under these circumstances.

"Many churches to-day are but 'monuments to plutocratic princes,' Dr. Guthrie declared in likening the modern money controlled church to conditions in the Middle Ages, when 'feudal lords gave up some of their loot to atone for some of their misdeeds.

"Dr. Guthrie said he was once asked what the return was from the afternoon service.

"I told him it was about eight cents per capita," he said, "and he said it was too bad. I told him I was preaching religion, not trying to raise funds.

Urging his hearers to be seekers after God rather than servants of Mammon, he said:

"Don't be afraid of being thought a lunatic. We're all lunatics anyway. It's better to be a lunatic after God than a lunatic after Mammon."

Bishop Luther B. Wilson in a Christmas message delivered yesterday in Grace Methodist Episcopal Church, 121 West 104th street, told the congregation that "religion is betting your life there is a God."

"Every man who went on the firing line over there," he continued, "bet his life there is a God. Every mind that is capable of thinking should be striving that all humanity that has suffered so long shall come into peace.

"We all are under obligation to be happy at this time," the Bishop advised.

"Democracy was born in the manger," he added, "and the Lord means that all should be brothers throughout the world."

He urged that at this Christmas time there be a strengthening of the bonds among all.

A brief sermon also was delivered by the Rev. Frederick Brown Harris, pastor of the church.

DIME SLIDES INTO POCKET OF EACH DOWN-AND-OUTER

Three Hundred Who Faced Prospect of Being Hungry
and Broke To-day Have Novel Experience of
Tightness Around Belt and Money to Spend.

Yesterday morning some 300 "down and outers" of the lower East Side were all the way down and most of the way out. Their prospects for being hungry and dead broke to-day were exceedingly bright. Luck was running true to form. Last night the same 300-odd derelicts of the Bowery experienced a reversal of fortune at the Rescue Society quarters, 5 Doyers street. They had the sensational feeling of a full stomach and a man of them was broke. More than 300 of the Bowery's perfect specimens of hard luck with money in their pockets all at the same time—records of long standing were smashed to smithereens. It happened because some good Samaritans wandered into the Doyers street mission and deposited a package

containing 400 dimes with Tom Noonan, who is in charge. "Give every man that eats here to-night a dime when he goes out," the stranger said. The "down-and-outers" filed in all through the evening. Downstairs they found real eats and a "man's sized cup of coffee" and no one called a halt until he got that comfortable tightness around the belt which comes once or twice a year to a member of the "D-and-O" Club. And every man was tipped a dime on the way out. Some people talk about the "thin dime" but not a soul cast any reflections on that modest little coin last night. A dime is pretty thick when it stands between "money in the pocket" and being "dead broke" on Christmas. Ask any member of the "D-and-O" Club, Inc.

PRINCESS GIVES OUT CHRISTMAS BASKETS

Anastasia and Royal Husband
Aid Volunteers of America
in Distribution.

Princess Anastasia of Greece, gave the first basket to a little Russian girl, who said, "Thank you, lady." In perfectly good English and received a kiss on both cheeks, along with fifteen pounds of chicken, potatoes, apples, candy and other good things for Christmas dinner. Prince Christopher was there, too. So were the Mayor and Mrs. Hyman and a lot of other distinguished folk. In fact, it was quite the most distinguished Christmas party the Volunteers of America ever held. Hungry people waiting in line for American food is no novelty to any one who has lived in New York for the last four years, but the Prince and Princess wanted to see how we do it over here. So they were invited to the party and had their first glimpse of American charity at home.

The line stretched all the way around Madison Square Garden and took more than two hours to pass a given point, which was also the giving point. Pyramids of gift baskets were doled out by the uniformed men and women officers of the Volunteers. Thirteen hundred poor families were provided with enough food to last them a week.

"Enough to last an Armenian refugee family a month," the Princess said. Each basket contained three pounds of roast chicken, five pounds of potatoes, a can of condensed soup, a big loaf of bread, half a pound of tea, a pound of coffee, seven apples, a package of rice and a package of spaghetti. Thirteen hundred baskets were distributed.

Besides the Prince and Princess there were present Gen. and Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, Mrs. Whitelaw Reid, Mrs. J. Pierpont Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Leeds, Col. and Mrs. Edward M. House, Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt, Mrs. James Speyer, Mrs. Ellisha Dyer, Mrs. Norman de R. Whitehouse and Mr. E. Ambrose Clark.

The New York Americans gave out Christmas dinners at the Sixty-ninth Regiment Armory, two blocks away, and the two parties brought such a crowd that special detachments of police under Capt. Harry Mason of the East Twenty-first street station were necessary to keep order.

RADIO CARRIES YULE SERVICES TO MILLIONS

Weather Assists Transmitting
of Christmas Programs.

Christmas services and music in New York churches yesterday were heard by an audience estimated at between 1,000,000 and 2,000,000 persons in all parts of the Western Hemisphere.

The clear, cold weather was almost perfect for radio transmission, and managers of wireless stations said the program was received as far West as San Francisco, as far south as Chile, north to the Hudson Bay district and eastward to the shore of Europe. Between these points thousands of receiving sets on hundreds of ships were known to be in operation.

Those listening in were rewarded by hearing broadcast for the first time portions of Handel's "The Messiah" and music from the famous old chimes of Trinity Church. In addition, they heard the special Christmas music at morning and afternoon services and the sermon of the Rev. Dr. Ernest M. Stiles, rector of St. Thomas's Episcopal Church, Fifth avenue and Fifty-third street. The broadcast in entirety by WJZ, the Westinghouse station in Newark. The music, under the direction of T. Tertius Noble, organist and choirmaster, included the "Te Deum" and the offertory anthem, "The Voice of One Crying in the Wilderness," by Garrett. At an afternoon service "The Messiah" was sung and transmitted by Trinity chimes was broadcast by WEA, the station of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company. In addition, the music from the carol was transmitted. During an interval in the music Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis, pastor of the Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, sent a Christmas message from the studio.

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PROHIBITION PALL OVER BROADWAY

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the eyes of a number gave her escort the will to begin operation. His part of the scheme was to go to these nice-looking men and ask them if they did not care to take a taxi to Sixty-fifth street, where Miss Mary had an apartment and the key to the cellar. When Miss Mary left about twenty men left too. Just how many restaurants and cafes Miss Mary or her assistants or co-workers scouted in not known, but so far as the head waiters knew this was a new one.

In the large hotels it was different. The hotels were patrolled for the most part by people who knew that they would be able to get nothing to drink there. They went to eat and dance and they ate and danced. That's about all you can say about that. They ate and danced, and it is no easy matter to get enthusiastic over seeing and hearing folks eat and dance. The cabaret shows were working hard to make people forget that there was a Volstead law. Beautiful girls, with nothing between them and jail but a layer of thin silk, danced dances that would make Wilbur Voliva of Zion City admit that the world isn't so flat as he had believed at first.

Next comedians told stories that indicated that either the law writers needed a holiday or the comedians needed a holiday. Either the booze in the gag writers produced the wit or the booze in the audience made the stuff sound funny. Anyhow, it was a wonderful show to last them a week.

Inasmuch as the one time Gay White Way seemed to have developed the hookworm or something, the reporters went to prohibition headquarters to see whether responsibility for the dullness was being assumed there. But no; they said there that they had never less to do nor a drearier day. And think of this:

Not One Raid All Day.

Not one raid took place all day—not one raid that proved that there was something wrong. Not one raid! Gus J. Simons, chief enforcement officer, said: "We are not sleeping. We shall make a series of raids during the week. We have a list of cafes, saloons, restaurants and dance places on our list, and we shall visit them within the next seven days. We figured that this would be a dull day, and it was. The boys here took it easy, loafing around waiting for complaints to come in. The only complaint we have received was from folks who couldn't get liquor."

Sergeant Keilher of the West Forty-seventh street police station said that the police had not looked for any great celebration on Broadway. "It's Christmas Eve, to begin with," said the sergeant. "Added to that it's Sunday. The police are doing their drinking at home. Add these all together and you get just what you have—a dull evening. Things are changing, but that's the way it is. Buy booze from a bootlegger and drink the stuff at home than to come down to a Broadway place and buy booze that they have bought from bootleggers. It's less dangerous and less expensive."

MOTOR VICTIM, 80, WALKS.

Octogenarian, Hit by Car, Refuses to Ride in Ambulance.

Henry Flowers, 80, of 81 Buena Vista avenue, Yonkers, spurned an ambulance ride and medical attention yesterday after being struck by an automobile. According to the police, the octogenarian took the blame for the mishap. A car operated by Richard Montague of 375 Palmer avenue, Yonkers, bowled him over. The fall stunned him, but as he regained consciousness he insisted upon walking home.

PANAMA CANAL SLIDE SLIGHT.

PANA., A. Dec. 24.—A slide in the Panama Canal, which occurred Friday morning, caused no serious damage. It will be cleared by December 30. Meanwhile traffic through the waterway will not be hampered.

All Boys Over 90 Invited to Eat

New Year's Dinner With Meeker, 92

An invitation for all young men over ninety years of age living in this city to attend a dinner to be given Friday in the Childs Restaurant at Fifth avenue and Thirtieth street, has been extended by Ezra Meeker, 92, globe trotter, Oregon mail blazer, lecturer and great friend of the late Col. Theodore Roosevelt. "I want all the boys over ninety to come to my dinner," said Mr. Meeker last night in the Hotel Sinton in East Twenty-seventh street. "The youngsters should get together, so I am taking this opportunity to engage in this general roundup. If possible these men should bring along birth certificates, as I don't want anybody as my guest who is not of the required age. This should be a great affair—kind of a New Year's party, so to speak. Come on, boys, send me your names. The whole thing is on me."

U. S. EXHIBITS OPENED.

RIO JANEIRO, Dec. 24.—The American Embassy Building at the exposition grounds and also the American Industrial Exhibits Building were formally opened yesterday.

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ORGANIZED CHARITY REACHES ALL NEEDY

Spirit of Giving Takes Form
in Hundreds of Ways for
Christmas.

DINNERS ON HUGE SCALE

Ill and Unfortunate of City
Objects of Special Care
To-day.

For the first time in a whole year the city refused yesterday to get excited about internationalism, nationalism, budget legislation, ship subsidies, European financial conditions, East politics and wars, Fascist movements, recognition of non-existent governments and the soundings of fur-lined radicals. Being the day before Christmas New York devoted itself to preparing for the great day in a million different ways, most of them characterized by the desire to do something that would make somebody else a little happier.

In the churches, the hospitals, the homes and asylums, the armories and halls and in other places folks gathered to give and receive that to-day might not be so barren as personal circumstances threatened. To-day there will be dinners served by the Salvation Army, the Red Cross, the Jewish charitable societies, the Knights of Columbus, the Y. M. C. A. and by many less widely known organizations whose purposes are the same. There was not the last minute flurry of Christmas Eve because it was Sunday and the shops and stores were closed.

But to-day will be the same sort of Christmas as we always have. Just a review briefly the scheduled events as they appear on a newspaper calendar gives a meager idea of what is going on to-day. There will be the annual dinner to the newsmen at the Bracco Memorial Home for Newsboys, 244 William street. Seven hundred kids will get presents and eat the turkey, ice cream and mince pie.

Cheer for Disabled Soldiers.

The Knights of Columbus will give presents and dinners to about 30,000 disabled ex-service men who are in 300 Government hospitals to-day. Also the Knights will provide vaudeville entertainment for the veterans. The Salvation Army purposes disbursing 25,000 Christmas dinners and 10,000 toys and in the Settlement Home, 84 Cherry street, the Booth Memorial Hospital in East Fifteenth street, the Ridgewood Settlement and Day Nursery, the Glynwood Hotel, and so on, the Army will have given Christmas trees aglow and presents for those who come there.

The Christmas spirit, corralled by George Crowley, the man who has devoted so much of his time to making children happy at this season, will be dispensed at the Home for Hebrew Infants, the American Female Guardian Society, the Sevilla Home for Children, St. Joseph's Institute for the Deaf and Dumb, the Tarrytown Institute of Mercy, Seton Hospital, the Colored Orphanage at Riverdale, the Catholic Orphanage, the Montefiore Home for Crippled Children, the New York Children's Hospital and St. Joseph's Hospital. The famous Crowley dinners to the kids were served yesterday.

A thousand children will be the guests of the sailors at the Brooklyn Navy Yard. On board the Arkansas, Wyoming and Maryland the kids will forego their morning tea for turkey, ham, cranberry sauce and turkey and listen to entertainments. The gobs themselves have contributed more than \$700 for this party, and the navy grew large enough to accommodate all the children.

Three hundred and fifty-five ex-service men in the United States Veterans Bureau hospital No. 51, on Kingsbridge road, The Bronx, will be entertained by the Red Cross. Yesterday the men received presents from trees and to-day there will be music and dinner and dancing and movies.

Prisoners Not Forgotten.

It will be pretty much the same all over the city. Not a hospital or institution where men, women and children are suffering will be overlooked. Even the prisoners in the city, county and State jails will know something of the joyfulness that pervades the world. Special dinners will be served in the Tombs, in Raymond street and Ludlow street jails, on Blackwells Island, in Sing Sing, Dannemora and all the rest of them.

The spirit of Big Tim Sullivan was abroad on the Bowery. Time was when Big Tim used to see to it personally that every foot was shod, every back clothed and every stomach filled. But Big Tim is dead and others had to do the work he started. In all the lower East Side lodging houses and missions the less fortunate of mankind received food, shelter and clothing.

Up in Washington Heights, where you do not expect to find many of the very rich or the very poor, committees from the Washington Heights Chamber of Commerce went out and found all the families of that section that had not enjoyed prosperity. Dinners were distributed in baskets containing chickens, vegetables, coffee, flour, sugar and fruit. For the children toys were tucked in. More than \$7,000 had been collected for the occasion.

POST OFFICE MAKES CHRISTMAS RECORD

Expects to Clear Mails This
Forenoon Despite 25 to 30
Per Cent. Increase.

PEAK PASSED SATURDAY

Campaign to Mail Early and
Wrap Carefully Helps
Produce Results.

When the Christmas morning mail delivery is finished in New York city, some time in the middle of this forenoon, it is expected that the General Post Office and all of the substations about the city will be clear of both letters and parcel post packages. Notwithstanding the fact that Sunday preceded Christmas this year and that the amount of mail matter handled is from 25 to 30 per cent. greater than ever before, the local postal service has never been so well up with the work, it was said last night by A. B. Firmin, superintendent of money orders, who acted as spokesman for Postmaster Morgan.

The peak of the Christmas mail flood was passed Friday night and Saturday morning, Mr. Firmin said, and when the post offices quit deliveries Saturday night they were clear and free. There has been no glut of letters and packages here, and Mr. Firmin attributes much of the satisfactory condition of things to the manner in which the public responded to newspaper appeals to mail Christmas packages early.

There are belated Christmas letters and parcels every year and the carriers will start out to-morrow morning with heavy loads, it is expected, but there is no reason, the postal officials feel, why there should be the slightest delay either to-day or to-morrow. The work accomplished Friday and Saturday has obviated all danger of trouble.

In addition to the 15,000 regular postal employees in the city Postmaster Morgan has had a force of 2,500 extra clerks and carriers at work. From 100 to 200 extra motor trucks also have been used. Among them are 100 trucks borrowed from the army.

Besides the fifty regular branch stations and the 250 contract stations there have been twenty-four emergency Christmas stations opened this year. Twenty of these are in public schools and the remaining four are in private homes and offices. It is estimated that 10,000,000 letters were canceled in all of the stations Saturday, an increase of from 25 to 30 per cent. above normal. Incoming foreign money orders were 30 per cent. heavier this Christmas than ever before and the increase in outgoing foreign money orders is estimated at 40 per cent. Domestic money orders have shown an increase of 15 per cent. over last year. More than 100,000 were issued Saturday.

Mr. Firmin commended the public for the additional care shown this year in wrapping and addressing Christmas packages and in correctly addressing letters. Fifteen per cent. fewer letters will find their way to the dead letter office this year, he said, and 14 per cent. fewer packages. All told, the postal officials feel it is the best Christmas the New York Post Office ever had. The mails have been heavier and more easily and quickly handled than ever before.

WEEKS AND PERSHING GREET AMERICAN ARMY

Harbord Also Sends Verbal
Farewell Message.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Holiday greetings to the rank and file of the army have been sent by Secretary Weeks, Gen. Pershing and by Major-Gen. Harbord, Deputy Chief of Staff, who signalled his approaching retirement to private life by sending best wishes to his comrades.

"You are the guardians and preservers of that peace and good will which we reverence at this season," Secretary Weeks said. "None deserve to a greater degree the benefits of the peace we now enjoy, the security of which you guarantee by your personal service to the nation."

Gen. Pershing, in his message said: "You have materially contributed to the welfare of the American people during the year just ending, yours has been a personal service for the good of your country, which is deeply appreciated."

Gen. Harbord's greeting was in the nature of a formal farewell to the service he had been in for more than thirty years. "As one of the last acts of my active military service, I extend cordial holiday greetings to the army of the United States," he said. "My regrets at leaving a profession that is very dear to me, and the interruption of the associations of a lifetime, are tempered by the splendid memories of those years. I cease military duty with a firm belief that our nation will enjoy both prosperity and a maximum of peace so long as the army of the United States endures and progresses."

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TWO STABBED TO DEATH IN AFFRAY AT FORT LEE

Shots Also Figure in Fatal
New Jersey Clash.

James Lofaro, 33, and Joseph Tromall, 28, both residing in Hudson street, Fort Lee, N. J., were found stabbed to death early yesterday about a block from their homes. At about 3 o'clock yesterday morning neighbors heard several shots in that vicinity and two hours later Vincenzo Ottina ran into police headquarters and said he believed somebody had been murdered in Hudson street.

Detective Allyn and Sergeant Hartnott, after an hour's search, found the body of Lofaro, who had been stabbed through the heart. A short time later they found the body of Tromall in the back yard of Joseph Duna at Fort Lee. He had been stabbed once through the heart, fifteen times in other parts of the body and had been shot once in the left arm. Detectives believe that the two were engaged in a stabbing and shooting affray with several others. Lofaro's three brothers—Anthony, Paulo and Joseph—were arrested and locked up in Hackensack jail as material witnesses.

Both Lofaro and Tromall were married and had left their wives in Italy.

SCENT PLOT IN STORE THEFTS.

Firm Accuses Employee of Sending
\$10,000 Goods to Pal.

Benjamin Morris of 344 East Fourth street and Mitchell Kirschbaum of 319 Second avenue were held yesterday in \$5,000 bail each for examination to-morrow on a charge of larceny by Magistrate Norris, in the Jefferson Market court.

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